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## ALLARD RECEIVES CHAMPION OF WHEAT AWARD NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WHEAT GROWERS PRESENT

COLORADO SENATOR WITH AWARD

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) this week received the Champion of Wheat Award. The award is given annually to a select number of Members of Congress who have demonstrated support for the wheat industry above and beyond during the previous year. The objective is to identify, select and recognize the hard work of individuals, without which the goals and policies of the wheat industry could not be achieved.

"I am extremely pleased and honored to have received this award and recognition," said Allard. "Wheat is a critical component of Colorado agriculture and I look forward to working with my colleagues on policy that puts profit back in farming and moves away from governmental interference," added Allard.

Each recipient for the 2002 award has demonstrated superior action in support of the goals and policies of the wheat industry. A Plaque was presented to Allard by constituents who attended the board meeting in Washington, D.C.. NAWG is a nonprofit organization representing U.S. wheat growers who, by combining their strengths, voices, and ideas are working to ensure a better wheat industry for today and tomorrow.